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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR THOMAS VAIL, PUBLISHER-EDITON CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, ANE WISE

REF: STATE 15365

1. AMBASSADOR SPOKE WITH ROYAL ADVISOR RASHAD PHARAON AND CHIEF OF ROYAL PROTOCOL AHMAD ABDUL WAHAB ABOUT VAIL VISA. NEITHER COULD UNDERSTAND WHY SAUDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DID NOT ROUTINELY ISSUE VISA. VISA AUTHORIZATION WILL BE SENT TODAY TO SAUDI EMBASSY CAIRO.

2. AMBASSADOR URGED THAT KING RECEIVE VAIL. BOTH PHARAON AND AHMAD ABDUL WAHAB SAID THAT KING DID NOT GIVE PRESS INTERVIEWS BUT WERE SURE A MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED AND "DISCUSSION" WILL FOLLOW NATURALLY.

3. AFTER AUDIENCE WITH KING FIXED, EMBASSY WILL MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR OTHER MEETINGS. TENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS BEING SET UP WITHPRINCES FAHD AND SULTAN, PETROLEUM MINISTER YAMANI, DEPUTY PETROLEUM MINISTER PRINCE SAUD AL-FAISAL, DR. HISHAM NAZIR, DEPUTY MINISTER COMMERCE SOLIAMAN SULAIM.

4. AS THERE ARE NO RPT NO HOTEL ROOMS AVAILABLE IN RIYADH IN NEXT TWO MONTHS, VAILS MAY HAVE TO USE EMBASSY GUEST HOUSE. ACCOMMODATIONS ARE PRIMITIVE BUT ADEQUATE.
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5. CONTROL OFFICER IN RIYADH IS USIS CAO C. EDWARD BERNIER. TELEPHONES: HOME - 25821; OFFICE - 21650.

6. ADVISE SOONEST EXACT FLIGHT AND ETA RIYADH.
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